

# **Charlottetown Municipal Election**

## **November 6, 2006**

### **Questions for Candidates**

- 1- Why are you interested in becoming a candidate for City council?
- 2- Do you believe that city councillors are currently accountable to the public?
  - If yes, how?
  - If no, what would you change?
- 3- There is more and more pressure on cities to privatize, contract-out or out-source their public services. What is your position on this practice?
- 4- The City is continuing to pour its citizen's money into the CARI complex at UPEI.. Do you believe it is time for the city to end this public-private partnership and take over the complete ownership of this complex and run it with municipal employees?
- 5- What do you think about Charlottetown having a Transportation Plan that would include public transit, roads, sidewalks, bike paths, etc. as a priority for the next four (4) years?
- 6- Environmental issues are becoming more and more important in people's lives.
  - To what extent should city council consider environmental issues when setting policy and approving development?
  - What is your view on the City banning cosmetic pesticides?
  - What is your view of the impact of cruise ships on our environment?
- 7- It is estimated that a good portion of the population growth in Charlottetown will be from newcomers. What would you propose to make them feel welcome in our city and help them deal with the challenges they will face as they integrate into their new life in Charlottetown?

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8 - Poverty condemns people to the margins often making them invisible and causing them to live a life of hardship. This is a denial of the value and dignity of the human person. In addition, poverty in early life affects the health and well being of children for their entire life. We want truly productive communities where everybody is valued and able to play a productive role in society. It is not enough to organize Food banks and soup kitchens. Poverty must be tackled at its root.

- How do you intend to approach the question of poverty?
- If elected, will you use your influence as a City Councillor to find solutions to poverty at the level of the City and at the provincial level?

9- If elected, how would you liaise with labour and community groups on important community matters?

10- Do you support the proposal that the sources and size of all campaign contributions for candidates running in municipal elections be made available to the public?  
Are you prepared to make your contributions public?

**Organized by:**

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